Students,

As we gear up for the start of the fall semester, I want to share some important updates and reminders with you.

Textbook Access Program (non Law, EMBA, Grad Tax, or study abroad)

Students in credit-bearing undergraduate and graduate programs, except as noted above, are part of the textbook access program which provides students all of their required course materials for a fixed fee of $20 per credit in which they are enrolled.   You may opt out of this program here (by 9/3) and purchase materials on your own. Digital materials in the program will be delivered in Blackboard. Print materials in the program **must** be selected for pick up (in Garey Hall room 10A) or delivery here prior to receiving them. If you are only in courses that start after 9/3 you may opt out by emailing coursematerials@villanova.edu. All questions can be addressed to coursematerials@villanova.edu.

Artificial Intelligence

When it comes to your academic experience at Villanova, your professors determine if and when generative AI can be used for graded assignments in their courses. If you are unsure about their expectations, ask for clarification and review the Villanova Code of Academic Integrity or for the Law School the Academic Code of Conduct. These codes specifically prohibit using AI generators to fulfill essential requirements of an assignment—such as reading, synthesizing, interpreting, writing, coding, or programming—without both explicit instructor permission and proper attribution and citation of any AI-assisted components. Students who violate the codes are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Inappropriate use of AI for course work undermines the purpose of your education and will have negative consequences for your long-term career success.

Student Academic and Support Resources

Check out this comprehensive website for academic, experiential learning, financial, and well-being support as well here for the Law students. Familiarize yourself with the resources and reach out early and often when needed. Villanova challenges you to step outside your comfort zone, embrace struggle, and grow all while offering the personalized support you need to succeed in your learning.

Academic Policies

University academic policies can be found here and Law School policies are available here. Each College or School may also have additional policies, which can be found online. Be sure to consult these resources as needed.

Academic Integrity

Please familiarize yourself with the [The Code of Academic Integrity](), and for the Law School the [Academic Code of Conduct](), before the start of your classes. Academic integrity is a cornerstone of Villanova University's commitment to truth, community, and excellence. Upholding these values ensures that students not only grow in knowledge but also develop the character and ethical foundation essential for meaningful contributions to society. If you have questions about the codes be sure to discuss with your faculty for clarifications before starting an assignment.

Virtual Desktop

Need to run Villanova provided academic software that is not installed on your personal machine? Go to our modern, cloud-based virtual desktop solution at [vdesktop.villanova.edu](). You can also access all the Microsoft applications directly at [office.villanova.edu]().

Good luck this semester. Learn, expand your boundaries, thrive, and succeed. Please reach out at any time with any questions.

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